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TO: ALL CALIFORNIA APPROVED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY AND
THERAPY SCHOOLS

SUBJECT: REVISED VENIPUNCTURE LAW

On September 17, 2012, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1199 into law, which will go into effect on January 1, 2013. This amendment will make changes to section 106985 of the Health and Safety Code. Changes in the amended law applicable to schools include the following:

- The amended law states that the 10 venipunctures may be performed by students on a human or a mannequin under personal supervision.
- Once a student has satisfactorily completed the venipuncture training, the school shall issue to the student a completion document. Possession of this completion document does not by itself authorize the document holder to perform venipuncture or administer contrast materials.
- If the technologist will be performing venipuncture at his or her place of employment, then the technologist must also perform 10 additional venipunctures on live humans under the personal supervision of a qualified supervisor at that facility. The supervising individual must be a licensed physician and surgeon, a registered nurse, or a person the physician or nurse has previously deemed qualified to provide personal supervision. It will then be determined by that supervisor whether the technologist is competent to perform venipuncture. If the technologist is judged competent, the facility shall document this determination.

The direct text of Senate Bill 1199 can be found online at <http://leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>. FAQs regarding the amended law can be found on the Radiologic Health Branch website at www.cdph.ca.gov/rhb.

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